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**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request No. A19-03817, Dated May 8, 2019,  
Concerning City of Detroit Records Pertaining to Spreadsheet from A19-  
01025**

Dear Ms. Alapati

This letter serves as the City of Detroit's response to the above-referenced matter. Your letter was received at the City of Detroit Law Department Freedom of Information Act Section on May 8, 2019. Because your request was received by electronic transmission, pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (the "Act"), MCL 15.235(1); it is deemed to have been received at the Law Department on the next business day, May 9, 2019. In accordance with Section 5(2)(d) of the Act, MCL 15.235(2)(d), we sent a letter extending the City's time to respond until May 31, 2019. Thank you for your patience regarding this request.

You request:

- Could I get a data dictionary for the meanings of the codes in the "Result" and "Current Status" columns?
- How are the owners entered? For instance, do the agents taking the calls look it up with the Assessor's office or a different agency? Are owners added after the fact, or are they entered right then and there?
- Is the "Last Inspection Date" tied to the case number or the property address?— as in, does that date refer to the last inspection for that particular case? Or does that refer to the last time BSEED inspected the property, regardless of whether it was a result of that complaint?
- What does it mean when there is no case description? Does that mean no one called to complain, or that it was a random inspection?
- What does "PRD" mean in the case description?

Your request for a "data dictionary" is granted. The record from the City of Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) consists of one (1) page. Enclosed, please find one (1) copy of the same. Because the record comprises of fewer than ten (10) pages, no copying costs have been assessed.



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The remainder of your request is denied pursuant to Section 3 (4) and (5) of the Act, MCL 15.233(4) and (5), for the reason that the Act does not require a public body to create a new record or draft a narrative response.

Please note that pursuant to Section 10 and 10a of the Act, MCL 15.240 and 15.240a, a person receiving a written denial of a request or receiving a letter to submit the labor costs may do one of the following:

- 1) Submit a written appeal to the head of the public body denying the request. Such appeal, if submitted, should specifically state the word "appeal" and identify the reason or reasons for reversal of the disclosure denial. MCL 15.240(1)(a) and MCL 15.240a(1)(a); or
- 2) Commence an action in the circuit court to compel the disclosure of the public records within 180 days after the public body's denial of the request, MCL 15.240(1)(b), or 45 days after the public body's request for labor costs, MCL 15.240a(1)(b). If a court finds that the information withheld by a public body is not exempt from disclosure, or that the labor costs requested by the public body exceeds the amount permitted, the requesting party may receive the requested record and, at the discretion of the court, reasonable attorney fees and /or cost. MCL 15.240(6) and (7), and MCL 15.240a(6) and (7).

When contacting our office regarding this request, please include the request number listed in the subject line above. **For your information, please note that a public summary of City of Detroit FOIA procedures and guidelines is available on the City's website, [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov), under "How Do I..." and "File".**

Very truly yours,

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Value	Description
14	14 Day Clearance (BLD Only)
30	30 Day Clearance (BLD Only)
60	60 Day Clearance (BLD Only)
7	7 Day Clearance (BLD Only)
90	90 Day Clearance (BLD Only)
ABS	Abatement Required (DNG Only)
ADJN	Adjourned
AMD	Amended
APP	Approved (SLU)
CAN	CANCELLED
CCH	City Council Hearing (DNG Only)
CPD	Complied/Occupied (DNG Only)
DEM	Demolished
DEN	Use Denied (SLU only)
DEND	License Denied
DONE	DONE
DSMD	Dismissed
EMG	Emergency Demo (DNG Only)
EMN	Non-emergency Demo (DNG Only)
FAIL	FAIL
HLD	Hold < 3000 Ft.
HOL	Hold On List
INC	Incomplete Inspection
LOC	Locked/Unable to gain entry
NAB	No Asbestos (DNG Only)
NCA	No Cause for Action
NDS	Needs Status
ODM	Ordered Demolish (DNG Only)
OK	OK
PRMT	Permanent Clearance (BLD Only)
RBS	Reinspect/Barricade/Make Safe (DNG Only)
REV	Decision Reversed (SLU)
RFD	Refund Denied
RFL	Remove From List
RMV	Remove Grant (SLU only)
RTM	Returned Mail Received
RTOS	Red Tag Out of Service
RVKD	License Revoked
SSPD	License Suspended
UPH	Decision Upheld (SLU)
VAC	Vacant
VAO	Vacant And Open